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Dear Van:

I've just read the copy of your letter to President Fred, and I just have to tell you that I was deeply moved by it. And so was Esther,

It was a kind and thoughtful thing for you to do, to write your sentiments into the record. That kind of backing for a Department of Medical Genetics makes the proposal seem that much more realistic and attractive.

I did see Pres. Fred and Dr. Baldwin last Friday -- they seemed a little reluctant at first, but I think after discussing the project a little further that they could see its evident advantages too.

Yours,

Joshua Lederberg

